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DES MOINES -- The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will host a virtual public meeting on March 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. to gather public comment on the Supreme Beef, LLC Nutrient Management Plan (NMP).

The Supreme Beef, LLC facility will be located in Giard Township in Clayton County. To request an electronic copy of the NMP, contact Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov.

Per the administrative rules, comments should be limited to the following topics: 1) that the NMP was submitted according to procedures required by the DNR and 2) that the NMP complies with the provisions of 567 lowa Administrative Code 65.

To register for the virtual meeting and obtain the virtual meeting instructions for Zoom, please email or call Kelli Book at Kelli-Book@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-210-3408 with your name, email, and phone number by noon on March 1. Please also state if you will be making a comment during the meeting.

During the virtual meeting, a moderator will provide a tutorial of how to use the virtual meeting features and the DNR will provide an introduction to the process and the facility. Supreme Beef, LLC will be given the opportunity for a brief statement at the beginning of the meeting. Comments from the public will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

If you are unable to attend the virtual meeting or have items to submit such as photographs or presentations, you may submit the written comments and other documents to Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov by 4:30 p.m. on March 8.

If you are new to Zoom, please visit http://zoom.us/test to test the video and audio features of your computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone prior to the meeting.

Learn more on updated drought conditions

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DES MOINES—From nearly 20 below to record snow falls to 50-degree-February days, one thing is certain about lowa's weather: it's unpredictable.

Despite plentiful snow this winter, there's still concern about spring drought and water availability, especially in the northwestern areas of the state, where severe and extreme drought conditions continue to exist. As farmers, livestock producers and city officials prepare for spring, they can learn more about what to expect during a webinar from 1 to 3 p.m. on March 4.

Sponsored by DNR and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Mike Naig, Iowa's secretary of agriculture, will kick off the meeting. State and federal experts will follow, recapping Iowa's winter conditions and forecasting what to expect: flood, drought or somewhere in between.

Specialists will reflect on winter precipitation and climatology, current streamflow and groundwater conditions, and how those affect the outlook for water resources this spring.

Find the complete meeting agenda and sign-in information on DNR's <u>Water Summary</u> <u>Update</u> page.

Presenters come from Iowa DNR, Iowa DALS, U.S. Department of Agriculture—Midwest Climate Hub, U.S. Geological Survey—Central Midwest Water Science Center, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Weather Service.

DNR enforcement actions

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DES MOINES – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions

Consent Orders A consent order is issued as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

Polk County

Hy-Vee, Inc.

Comply with all laws and regulations applicable to discharging pollutants into a water of the State; apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit No. 1 for the Ankeny #1 store; conduct and document employee training on compliance and implementation of the NDPES permit; conduct a risk assessment of all

Hy-Vee stores and develop emergency response plans and document the staff who are familiar with its implementation; pay fish restitution and investigation costs of \$18,929.98; and pay a \$5,200 administrative penalty.

Air Quality permits under review

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or <u>Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov</u> for Title V permits; or Sarah Piziali, DNR, at 515-725-9549 or <u>Sarah.Piziali@dnr.iowa.gov</u> for construction permits.

DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans' health and air quality. DNR's permitting staff review each permit application to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality requirements. We encourage public comments on draft permits, providing help on how to make-effective-comments. Submit written comments to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. DNR considers public comments before finalizing the permits.

Title V Operating Permits

Title V Operating permits are reviewed and re-issued every five years. Facilities with a Title V permit have the potential to emit large amounts of air pollutants compared to other facilities. The five-year reviews are a federal requirement and ensure adequate monitoring is included in the permit. The DNR plans to issue Title V Operating Permits for the following facilities. Find permit details at www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft.

Monroe County

Cargill – Vitamin E – 1194 720th Ave., Eddyville.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Medicinal Chemicals and Botanical Products facility. The public comment period ends March 27.

Scott County

Veolia Water NA – Davenport – 4879 State St., Bettendorf.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Scrap and Waste Materials facility. The public comment period ends March 27.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modify existing sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch OR through the EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal and then click the Public Notice tab.

Linn County Vantage Corn Processors, LLC (VCP) – 1425 60th Ave. S.W., Cedar Rapids.

Project No. 21-039, Vantage Corn Processors, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) and operates an ethanol dry mill in Cedar Rapids. VCP has applied for a minor modification to an existing Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) source. This modification is to replace one of the three existing baghouses associated with the hammermilling and classification process with the same model unit.

This change is not expected to alter any existing emissions from the facility. Submit all public comments in writing before 4:30 pm. on March 27.